

RELIGIOUS.

Intense Excitement on

Ward's Island.

THE EMIGRATION NEW BROOM.

The Catholic Church Taken Possession Of by the New Commissioners of Emigration.

The Catholics Around—The Priest's Statement—Now the Catholics Came to Get Possession of the Church—Interview with the Doctor—Mourning and Weeping Among the Emigrants.

A rumor reached the ears of a HERALD reporter

down town yesterday afternoon to the effect that

the most intense excitement prevailed among the

officials and inmates of the Emigrant Department

on Ward's Island in consequence of certain action

just taken by the new Board of Emigration Com-

missioners in reference to the Roman Catholic

church recently erected on the island. Last Feb-

ruary an investigation of the disturbed condition

of the island and the maladministration of the

authorities of this department took place at Castle

Garrett. Several witnesses were examined and

certain ugly rumors were brought into the light

of day. But strange as they were, they were

not the only tangible result of the investigation.

There had been an attempt made to keep better ac-

counts during the declining days of the old Com-

missioners—Richard O'Gorman, President; Eman-

uel B. Hart, James B. Nicholson, Alexander Frear,

Willy Wallace, George A. Forrest, Andreas Weim-

ann and Henry L. Hogue. Since the appoint-

ment of the new Commissioners—Henry Hurbit,

President; George Starr, Menzer, Stephenson,

Quintard, Kaufmann, Forrest, Mayor Havemeyer

and James L. Lynch—both ex officio members and

without votes—things have been

GOING FROM BAD TO WORSE,

and culminated yesterday in a visit of Commis-

sioner Stephenson, Chairman of the Ward's Island

Committee, and Quintard to the island, when they

announced their course in reference to the church

above alluded to, which fell like a bombshell

among the Catholic population of the Emigrant

Department of Ward's Island. The old church, the

Emigrant Asylum, and the Ward's Island, or, as it

is better known, the City Insane Asylum, numbering

altogether over a thousand people.

This intended action on the part of the Commis-

sioners of Emigration, which has caused so much

excitement, is no other, in the opinion of the

Catholics on the island, than the practical taking

away of the Catholic church, which has been re-

cently erected at the expense of the Roman Catho-

lic population; the depriving of Catholic emigrants

of all form of religious worship consistent with

their belief, and the driving of Catholic officials to

divine service in Harlem and elsewhere.

To get at the bottom of this religious war the

HERALD reporter visited Ward's Island last

night, and is enabled to present to the HERALD

readers the following conversation with the

Roman Catholic chaplain of the department,

the Rev. Father John J. Sheehy. The reverend father

is a venerable old gentleman, who, having been

in the service of religion and in the arduous

duties as a missionary. He told his story in

A PLAIN, EARNEST WAY,

and with an occasional deprecating shrug of the

shoulders when the subject was too much for his

feelings, which was more expressive than words,

and impressed his hearers with a full conviction of

his own sincerity.

The reporter found the venerable gentleman,

who, it may be remarked, is now five years chap-

lain to the Emigration Department on Ward's

Island, in his study, and, after the usual form of

introduction, said that quite a religious war has

been inaugurated on the island within the last few

days.

The clergyman smiled and remarked, "I am

afraid, sir, we are only at the beginning of it. I

commenced only in earnest yesterday, and I sup-

pose we will not have any more of it for some

years. I am a weak party. It has lasted over a

year and a half, and I thought that peace had

been made. But now it is all over again, and yet

it does not seem to be so. We only want what

is right and what is our own as Catholics."

"Is it true, sir, that the new Commissioners of

Emigration have taken away your church?"

"From us absolutely, as Catholics; yes, sir,"

said the clergyman, "but not as Protestants. The

old church was erected by the old Commissioners

of Emigration, and it was their duty to see that

it was used for the purpose for which it was

ment in the entire island and in Harlem. Such,

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FLEETWOOD PARK.

Closing of Purges for the Spring Trot-

ting Meeting—The Events and the En-

tries.

The purses offered by the Fleetwood Park As-

sociation for the Spring trotting meeting begin-

ning Wednesday, June 18, and continuing Friday, 20th,

Monday, 23d, and Tuesday, 24th, closed at Cham-

berlin's pool rooms, 1446 Broadway, last evening.

The attendance of turfmen was very satisfactory,

and the entire nature of the purses was to the

benefit of the track. They are as follows:—

First day—Wednesday, June 18.

Purse No. 1, \$2,000 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 11:30 a. m.

Purse No. 2, \$1,000 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 1:30 p. m.

Purse No. 3, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 3:30 p. m.

Purse No. 4, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 5:30 p. m.

Purse No. 5, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 7:30 p. m.

Purse No. 6, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 9:30 p. m.

Purse No. 7, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 11:30 p. m.

Purse No. 8, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 1:30 p. m.

Purse No. 9, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 3:30 p. m.

Purse No. 10, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 5:30 p. m.

Purse No. 11, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 7:30 p. m.

Purse No. 12, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 9:30 p. m.

Purse No. 13, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 11:30 p. m.

Purse No. 14, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 1:30 p. m.

Purse No. 15, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 3:30 p. m.

Purse No. 16, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 5:30 p. m.

Purse No. 17, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 7:30 p. m.

Purse No. 18, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 9:30 p. m.

Purse No. 19, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 11:30 p. m.

Purse No. 20, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 1:30 p. m.

Purse No. 21, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 3:30 p. m.

Purse No. 22, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 5:30 p. m.

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Purse No. 24, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

any horse in the country, to be run at 9:30 p. m.

Purse No. 25, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

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Purse No. 26, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

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Purse No. 27, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

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Purse No. 33, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

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Purse No. 34, \$500 for horses that have never beaten

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